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**YESTERDAY'S WEATHER**  
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU  
Dec. 7, 1916—Last evening  
four hours' rainfall, 1.60.  
Temperature, Min. 68; Max.  
70. Weather cloudy.

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LATEST CANED SUGAR QUOTATIONS		
80° Centrifugals N. Y.	Cents	Dollars
Price, Hawaiian basis	5.64	\$112.80
Last previous quotation	5.52	\$110.40

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## DIVER CRISIS AGAIN LOOMS ALARMINGLY AT CAPITAL

Washington Officials Admit That "Situation Is More Serious Than At Any Time Since Sussex Was Sunk Unwarned"

### GERMAN TALE OF MISTAKE IS REGARDED AS BUT WEAK

Administration Officers Do Not Hesitate To Recall Other "Mistakes" Which Submarines Have Been Making of Late

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 8.—"Most clear cut and serious situation since the sinking without warning of the Channel ferry boat Sussex," is the way that state department officials and officers of the administration characterized the submarine situation last night after the reply from Berlin to the American note on the sinking of the P. & O. steamer Arabia was made public yesterday afternoon.

**TEUTON POSITION "WEAK"**

Germany's acceptance of the full responsibility for the act which sent the big liner without warning to the bottom, and her careless explanation of the international crime as "a mistake of the captain of the submarine who thought the vessel an auxiliary war-ship" is regarded as little less than "weak" here.

Officials do not hesitate to point out that the same statement was made in a half a dozen other instances, notably in the case of the Marina, sunk "by mistake" off the Irish coast. Indeed there are no less than ten "diplomatic inquiries" now pending in the pigeon holes of the office on the Wilhelmstrasse in Berlin, regarding steamers sunk in flat conflict with the pledges made by Germany to the United States, following the sinking of the Lusitania, and a number of other vessels in which American citizens lost their lives. Joseph G. Grew, the American charge, at Berlin, recently filed six of these "inquiries" in one day.

### AMERICAN ATTITUDE

With the note on the Arabia there are but eight left to be answered, including the cases on the Marina. The United States has based its attitude in the case of the Arabia on the assumption that it was unarmed and torpedoed without warning, and is unable to see that there was adequate justification for forcing the passengers into the boats. Washington believes the submarine commander, on ascertaining that there were women and children on the decks, should have refrained from making an attack.

### THE ARABIA CASE

Germany points out that, according to testimony of her own passengers, the Arabia was armed, and used her cannon; that the sea was smooth, and that other vessels were near. It is argued that the Arabia, having on board a large number of coal war workers, should be regarded as a transport.

### SENT TO PRESIDENT

The note has been sent to the White House for the personal perusal of the President. It is reported that he intends taking the matter under his personal consideration, as well as review the recent submarine activities, of which the sinking of the Arabia is the climax.

The increasing frequency of attacks by German submarines upon American vessels or others bearing American citizens, with the consequent necessity of repeated inquiry at Berlin for facts, has led to the adoption of a policy of silence on the part of the state department. Officials let it be known re-

## AMERICAN BURNED AT STAKE WHILE HIS SON LOOKS ON

Villa Orders Bonfire Along Lines of Ancient Spanish Inquisition With Yankee Victim

### OTHERS ARE SHOT DOWN AND THE NAKED BODIES EXPOSED

Government Agents Make Official Reports of Bandits Latest Brutalities Upon Foreigners

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 8.—One American burned at the stake, one shot down and his still quivering body strung up and another, a man sixty years old, murdered and his naked body exposed to the ridicule of the mob, are reported in the despatches from the border yesterday. The tales of the continued outrages perpetrated by Villa against Americans and Chinese only are being brought out of the Northern Mexican war zone by refugees.

The government agents at El Paso have reported the death by torture of an American named Foster, who was burned alive by the Villistas a few days ago near Torreon. The bandits forced Foster's son to be a spectator of the writhing form of the father, burning at the stake.

Howard Gray, whom Cincinnati despatches state is in reality Howard Weeks, traveling in Mexico under an alias for business reasons, was murdered by order of Villa when that bandit entered Parral, some weeks ago. Weeks was shot down and then hung.

At Jiminas, refugees report, an unidentified American, a man sixty years old, was also burned at the stake by one of Villa's bands. The bandits stripped the body of its clothes and left it lying naked in the road before a hotel. After it had been exposed some hours, it was dragged away and thrown on a fire.

The same refugees report that two Mexican wives of Chinese, with their five half cast children, were burned alive.

From El Paso it is reported that Guillermo Myman, son of the Boer general of that name, has been killed by bandits. The affair took place on a ranch near Chihuahua.

The state department has been officially advised from Carranzista quarters that Parral has been recaptured by the forces of the de facto government, who report that the American residents there are safe.

### WILSON HOST AT DINNER TO HIS CAMPAIGN AIDES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 8.—President Wilson was the host last night at a dinner given in honor of Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee, Senator Walsh, former Ambassador Morgenthau and others. Francis J. Heney of California was invited, but was not present. President Wilson thanked his campaign helpers for the work they had done during the campaign, and declared that if the nations of Europe had been "organized a little more democratically" the war would not have come upon them.

### TUG SEEKING FOR MISSING STEAMER SANTA BARBARA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

ASTORIA, Oregon, December 7.—A tug has been sent out to search for the steamer Santa Barbara, missing since the big storm of two days ago. The vessel has a crew of twenty-one men. She carries no wireless.

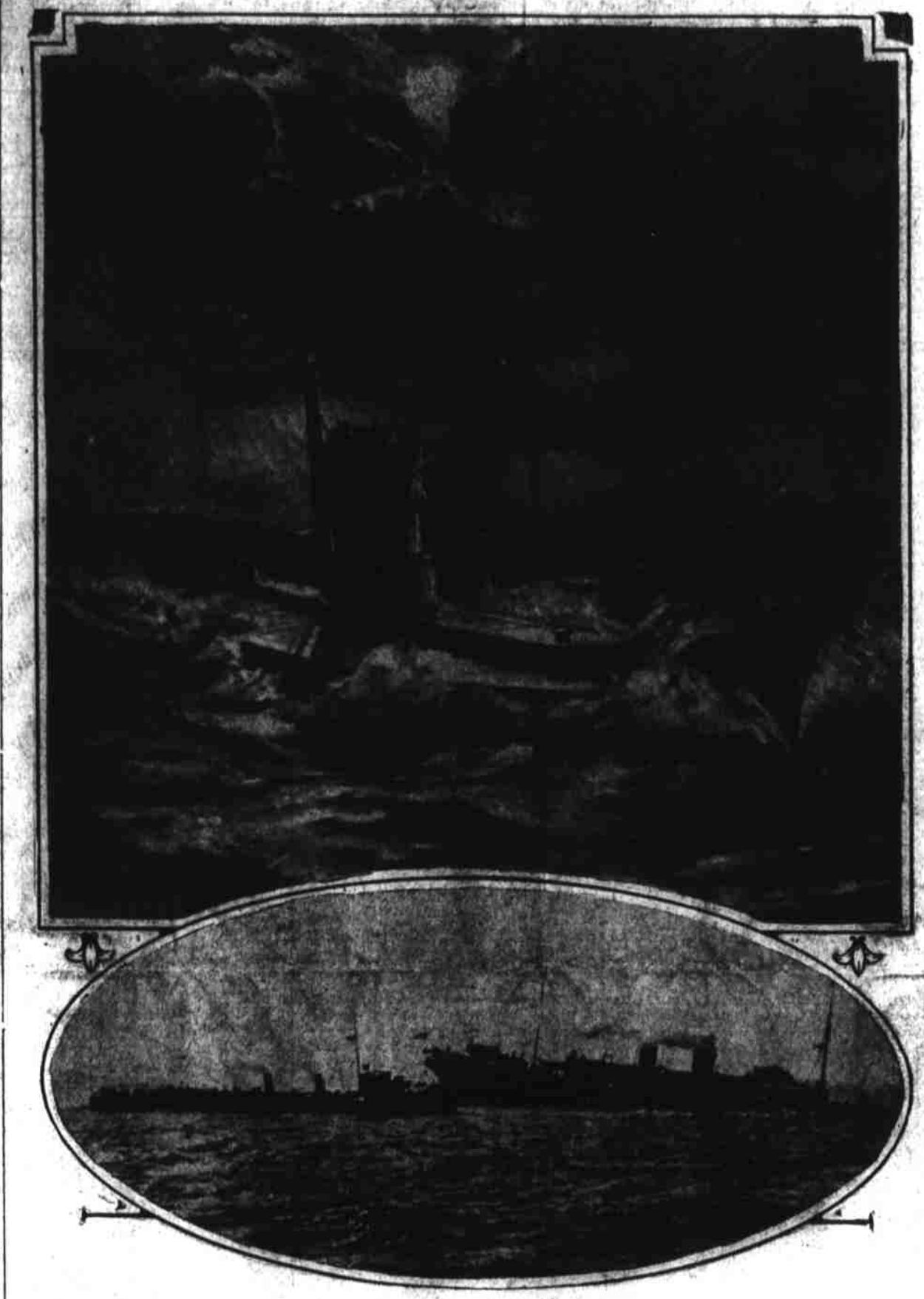
### MORE TRADE RESTRICTION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The British government has issued a circular still further restricting the trade of the United States with Sweden and Russia. According to this circular only thirty-four commodities are permitted to pass the new and rigid regulations, which however affect only shipments to Sweden, either for that country or for Russia.

Recently such a course was considered necessary because most of the cases investigated developed no violation of international law, and premature discussion was likely to stir up useless excitement in the United States, and they have lived up to the rule until the present crisis.

ONE of the deep-sea rovers which Germany has let loose upon the commerce of the Allied nations, and of the same type as the vessel which sent to the bottom the Arabia of the P. & O., and brought about the present submarine crisis, the most acute since a sister U-boat attacked without warning, the steamer Sussex and made the same excuse that the attack was a "mistake."



## LLOYD-GEORGE TO FORM CABINET SOON

Expected To Present Full List To House of Commons By Tuesday's Session

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, December 8.—Lloyd-George has formally kissed the hands of King George, thereby publicly accepting the responsibilities and burdens of the premiership of Great Britain, and the first lordship of the treasury, the second post being one that frequently goes with the premiership. He was secretary of state for war prior to the dissolution of the Asquith cabinet, and it is commonly expected that he will assume that post in addition to the other duties of his office as soon as the new government is announced.

It is believed here that Lloyd-George will be able to submit the preliminary list of the leaders he proposed to have in his cabinet to the King early next week, may be by Tuesday.

So far as the public is concerned, the question of the personnel of the new government is a matter of pure speculation, but it is hoped that by Tuesday of next week the new prime minister will be in a position to submit to the House of Commons the complete cabinet. It is understood that the new government will represent all parties, with the possible exception of the Irish Nationalists, including a strong business element.

It is thought quite possible that many ministerial and parliamentary traditions will be thrown overboard by the new premier, who is known to be indifferent to many of the formal rules. Lloyd-George will have the support of the Labor party in the reconstruction of the British cabinet, according to indications.

The Central News Bureau makes an announcement that the party has decided to accept the invitation extended to have representation in the new organization of government. It is believed

## CONTINENTAL TRAIN LOST IN ALPS STORM

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, December 8.—A terrific snow storm that has been raging in the Alps has cut off all communications between Italy and Switzerland according to advices received here yesterday. The fall of snow is to huge depths. The express train bound to Paris last night from Milan was snowbound and at last advices had not been located.

## Robber Uses Pepper To Blind Guard; Flees With Booty

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LOS ANGELES, December 7.—Throwing pepper into the eyes of a guard escorting an express wagon through a busy downtown street today, a daring robber secured \$20,000 from the wagon and made his escape. He had a confederate assisting him. They overlooked \$40,000 in the wagon.

that the construction of the cabinet is now only a matter of a few days.

The chief interest in the personnel of the new cabinet is in the prospects of Lloyd-George forming a combination that will have support of the majority in the House of Commons. Few of the Asquith Liberals are likely to accept an invitation to remain in office or to join the new ministry. Some Unionists, like J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, and Lord Robert Cecil of the foreign office are also likely not to accept should they be asked to remain.

It is reported in some circles that Lord Curzon, former Viceroy of India, will be foreign secretary under the new government. Lord Curzon married an American girl, Miss Leiter, of Chicago.

In an interview published in one of Lord Northcliffe's papers yesterday this was hinted at, and Lord Northcliffe stated that Lord Curzon would make an ideal foreign minister because of his familiarity with American things and American spirit.

## JAPANESE MARQUIS COMING ON SHINYO

Maeda Hires Special Train To Carry His Party Across the Continent

(Special Marconigram to Nippon Jiji.)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 8.—Among the prominent passengers of the Shinyo Maru, which will leave here tomorrow for Honolulu, there are Capt. Marquis T. Maeda, with his wife, and Doctors T. Ofuji and E. Aoyagi, professors in the engineering department of the Imperial University in Tokio. Marquis Maeda is the descendant of one of the richest daimyos, or lords, in Japan, and he has been at the front in Europe as an officer attached to a field army. The marquis and his party arrived here yesterday morning from Boston in a special train, which cost him two thousand dollars for the trip.

Marquis Maeda invested \$500,000 in the Union Pacific railway while he was staying in New York.

The Shinyo Maru will arrive at Honolulu next Friday.

### ENTENTE DEMANDS REASON FOR GREEK WARLIKE MOVES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, December 8.—The ministers of Great Britain, France, Italy, and Russia have demanded a full explanation of the military activity that has been reported in and near the Greek capital, according to unofficial despatches from Athens, which reached this city last night. So far as is known no answer has been returned to the demand.

### KAISER RATIFIES LATEST AUXILIARY SERVICE BILL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, December 8.—According to a Reuter despatches from Berlin last night the Kaiser has ratified the recently passed auxiliary service or "man power" bill, and it now becomes a law.

## MANIPULATION IS REVEALED BY THE INFLATION PROBE

Government Investigators Discover Coal Prices Are Being Forced Steadily Up

### ADMINISTRATION PUSHING INVESTIGATION EVERYWHERE

More Than Fifty Special Agencies In the Field Hunting Down Facts and Figures

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The administration is determined to let no loop hole go untopped for the man or men who are responsible for the unreasonable increase in the cost of food and necessities of life throughout the United States. Every agency of the government is being brought to bear upon this question, and it is known that at least fifty agencies of the department of justice beside a number of agents of other departments of the government are at work now upon the problem.

District Attorney Anderson of Boston, who has been appointed head of the governmental committee in charge of the investigation yesterday conferred with L. H. Sawyer, chairman of the interstate commerce commission regarding a number of phases of the situation, particularly the probable shortage of wheat crops of the world, and the probable effect that this will have upon the American situation in relation to the demand for an embargo upon food stuffs.

### Much Data Collected

It is known that the investigations of the government have already been productive of much information if of nothing else, and it was admitted yesterday that the investigations are being pushed forward in checking up on recent transactions of a number of suspected firms and individuals, in an effort to trace the cause of the increase in certain commodities.

The information gathered by the government all goes to show that the increase in prices has been due beyond reasonable doubt, to manipulation. This is believed to be especially true of coal, which is now selling at twelve dollars a long ton in New York and Boston, at the door almost of the biggest coal fields in the world.

**Wheat Crop Short**

The wheat situation is also troubling the investigators, although as yet the government has been able to make no official report upon it. There appears to be legitimate reasons for the increased cost of the grain, as the recent report of the department of agriculture showed that the combined wheat crop of fourteen great wheat producing countries of the world is less than seventy-five per cent of last year's production.

The aggregate production is placed at 2,222,914,000 bushels, or 92.8 per cent of the five-year average. The countries are Spain, England, Wales, Ireland, Norway, Netherlands, Rumania, the forty-eight governments of European Russia, Switzerland, Canada, the United States, India, Japan, Egypt and Tunis.

**England Suffering**

The wheat crop of England and Wales combined together is put at eighty-two per cent of last year's and ninety-nine and six-tenths per cent of the average, and Italy's at one hundred and three and five-tenths per cent and ninety-six and two-tenths. The barley crop in England and Wales is one hundred and fifteen and two-tenths and sixty-two and six-tenths per cent of the average; Italy's, ninety-one and five-tenths and one hundred. The oats (except in England and Wales) is one hundred and seven-tenths per cent and one hundred and five and two-tenths per cent; Italy's, eighty-two and nine-tenths and seventy and six-tenths per cent. Italy's rye crop is one hundred and twenty-two and five-tenths per cent and one hundred and three-tenths per cent.

Corn production is given as follows: Italy, sixty-four and six-tenths per cent of last year's crop and seventy-eight and five-tenths of the average; forty-eight governments of European Russia, ninety-one and seven-tenths per cent and one hundred and five and two-tenths per cent; Switzerland, one hundred and fourteen and three-tenths per cent and one hundred and thirty-nine and one-tenth per cent; Canada, forty-three and six-tenths per cent and thirty-seven and three-tenths per cent; Japan, one hundred and nine and four-tenths per cent and one hundred and nineteen and eight-tenths per cent.

The corn crop in the United States is estimated at sixty-eight and five-tenths per cent of last year's and ninety-seven and six-tenths per cent of the five-year average.

### BOURBONS SPENT \$1,808,348 FOR PRESIDENT'S REELECTION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 7.—A final report of the Democratic national committee was filed today. It shows receipts of \$1,808,348 in the last campaign and disbursements of \$1,684,590.

## POPULACE OF BUCHAREST SHOWER FOE WITH POSIES

Berlin Declares That People of Captured Capital Greet Their Conquerors With Enthusiasm and Garlands of Bright Flowers

### ROMANIAN ARMIES STILL RETREATING EASTWARD

Petrograd Admits That Flight Continues Unabated; Russian Offensive in Bukovina Fails To Affect Situation To Southward

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, December 8.—The Rumanians are still falling back before the advance of the Teutonic forces, according to despatches from all the warring capitals yesterday. Petrograd admits the retreat, and although there is nothing official from the Rumanian headquarters this is not surprising in view of what has taken place in that country in the last few days.

Unofficial reports are beginning to throw some light upon the situation in Rumania. As the Rumanian armies fell back before the German and Bulgarian forces they burned everything that could be of use to the invaders. As a consequence the enormous stores of grain which the people had made for their own use have been destroyed, together with large quantities of other supplies.

Bridges have been blown up or burned behind the retreating troops and railroads where ever practicable have been made useless by removing and twisting the rails and exploding large quantities of some high explosive under the road bed. Telegraph and telephone communication has been made difficult by the destruction of the plants, including the stripping of the copper wire from the poles in order to prevent its falling into the hands of the Germans and Austrians who are in need of that metal.

### FLIGHT PRECIPITATE

The retreat of the Rumanians extends from the Danube in the southeast to the border of Transylvania on the northwest of the captured capital. No where have they been able to make a firm stand against the foe, and the rout of the army under Ferdinand, while not panic stricken is known to have been made at the highest possible speed in order to avoid the closing jaws of the Teuton nippers.

### Greeted With Flowers

Berlin reports of the capture of Bucharest declared yesterday that the city fell without fighting, the Rumanian armies abandoning the city when their commanders saw that it would be useless to longer attempt to hold it in view of the enormous preponderance of the German artillery and man power.

The German accounts of the entry into the city reads like a report of the entry of Napoleon into some of the capitals he took in his long career when the people came to meet him with garlands and showered flowers on his troops. This is exactly what the Rumanians did to the Teutons as they entered the city, say the German despatches. The populace wore flowers and greeted the invaders "enthusiastically," declares the German general staff.

### Petrograd Statement

Petrograd officially admits that "the

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